Encouragement of Private Enterprises in Power Sector

*178. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to encourage private enterprise in Powerloom Sector (Economic Times dated 23-6-92); and

(b) whether Government will ensure that some of the sick units of NTC etc., are handed over to Powerloom Weavers' Co-operatives at the earliest and help them in marketing both in India & abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government do not have any such proposal under consideration.

Missing targets on infrastructural sectors

*179. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Economic Times dated 4th June, 1992 on mising targets on infra-structural sectors like coal, fertilizers, petroleum etc.; and

(b) if so, what is the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Whilst the target was not achieved in the case of Petroleum, Fertilizer and Cement sectors; it was achieved for Power, Coal, Steel, Railways, Cargo handled at major ports and key areas of Telecommunication.

(b) The progress in key infrastructure sectors is closely monitored and all possible measures are taken to achieve the designated targets.

Refurbishing in Shaktiman Vehicles

*180. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Shaktiman vehicles are lying with the Army which require immediate refurbishing;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Directorate General of Weapons and Equipments in the Army Headquarters has been contemplating to place indents for refurbishing these Shaktiman Vehicles to a private firm despite the Government's Vehicles Factory at Jabalpur being agreeable to do it at a cheaper rate than the said private firm quoted; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir. All wheeled vehicles, including Shaktiman, are disposed of on the completion of the laid down kilometrage/vintage.

(b)In the context of resources crunch, the Army Hqrs. are undertaking a preliminary examination whether Shaktiman vehicles can be economically refurbished for further use in the Army.

(c) Does not arise.

Amount realised for Defence land near Jhansi Fort

1012. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the action initiated and results achieved towards recovery of damages, etc. on account of encroachments on the defence lands near Jhansi Fort;